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Protecting Against Household Poisons

Although you may think that your family is properly protected against household poison dangers, accidents can still occur. To keep these problems at bay, it's important to take extra precautions when storing and handling potentially poisonous items—including household cleaners, medications and appliances that could release harmful fumes—in your home. Use the following guidance to help protect your family from household poisoning risks.

- Store harmful products out of the kitchen and away from food and drinks.
- Hire a service person to inspect your heater, stove and fireplace every year to make sure that they are in good working order.
- Place carbon monoxide detectors in all levels of your home and test them frequently.
- Read product labels when purchasing new items. If they contain the words “caution,” “warning,” or “danger,” be extra cautious when storing and using them.
- Remove medications from purses and low drawers that are potentially accessible to children. Keep all medications in an organized medicine cabinet.
- Keep chemicals and products in their original packaging with labels containing usage and handling instructions.
- Flush unwanted chemicals down the toilet. To dispose of unwanted or expired medications, mix them with coffee grounds or kitty litter and place them in an airtight bag that can be sealed shut.

In Case of an Emergency

Be sure to always have the Poison Control Center contact information readily available in your home in case of an emergency. Calling the number 1-800-222-1222 will connect you to local poison control assistance in your area.

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